

Bonus

1205. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) The additional charge on the exchequer on account of the lifting of the ceiling on bonus paid to Government employees including those in the Railways, Post and Telegraph and other departmental Undertakings;

(b) whether the provision has been made in the budget for this payment; and

(c) if not, the manner in which this payment is proposed to be effected?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) The additional expenditure on Government employees including those in the Railways, Post & Telegraph etc. would be approximately Rs. 219 crores. The payment of bonus to the employees of Public Undertakings is made as per the provisions contained in the Payment of Bonus Act, as amended from time to time.

(b) This being a post budget development, the question of making provision in the Budget does not arise.

(c) Payments would have already been made by the Ministries/Departments from their existing sanctioned provisions in their Grants. If as a result, the Grants are likely to be exceeded, necessary provisions would be allowed to be made through Supplementary Grants. Railways and Telecom will however meet the additional liabilities from their own resources.

**Unfair Trade Practices adopted by
DDA and Other Organisations**

1206. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the M.R.T.P. Commission has been looking into the unfair trade practices of Colgate

Palmolive India Ltd., Hindustan Lever Ltd., Saurashtra Ballpen Co., Philips Radio and Delhi Development Authority;

(b) if so, the progress made in those cases so far;

(c) whether the Government are aware that the Delhi Development Authority is selling its flats constructed in 1992 or before and sent for allotment to its housing department but remained unallotted at enhanced rates; and

(d) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). The MRTP Commission have instituted Unfair/Restrictive Trade Practice Enquiries against Colgate Palmolive India Ltd., Hindustan Lever Ltd., Saurashtra Ballpen Co., Philips India Limited and Delhi Development Authority. These are at different stages of consideration before the MRTP Commission. A Statement showing the details of these Enquiries and their present position is given in the statement enclosed.

(c) and (d). The flats constructed by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) are allotted to the prospective registrants soon after the same are completed in all respects. The time gap between completion and allotment is kept to the minimum possible. In few cases, however, some allottees do not pay the demanded amount in time while others surrender their flats because of personal problems or otherwise which leads to cancellation of allotment of such flats. Surrendered and cancelled flats are then re-allotted by the DDA to the waiting registrants at the then prevailing prices. The Supreme Court of India has already heard the pricing policy of DDA in the Civil Appeal No. 6205/94 in the matter of DDA Vs. Pushpender Kumar Jain and delivered a judgement according to which the rates prevailing on the date of communication of allotment would be applicable. The matter was also referred by the MRTP Commission to the Director General of Investigation & Registration, but further proceedings were dropped in view of the aforesaid judgement.

STATEMENT

The details of Unfair and Restrictive Trade Practice Enquiries Instituted by the MRTP Commission and their Present Position

S.No.	Name of the Respondent	Enquiry No.	Present position/next date of hearing before the Commission
1	2	3	4
1.	M/s. Colgate Palmolive (India) Ltd.	UTPE No. 91/95	29.4.1997
2.	M/s. Colgate Palmolive (India) Ltd.	RTPE No. 23/94	30.1.1997
3.	M/s. Colgate Palmolive (India) Ltd.	RTPE No. 295/95	28.11.1996
4.	M/s. Hindustan Lever Ltd.	UTPE No. 38/92	18.12.1996